

Appendix D—Community Organizations Survey and Results

As part of the community input process, a survey was distributed to forty nine (49) nonprofit, educational and community service organizations. The following community groups responded to this survey: Los Altos-Mountain View Pony Baseball; St. Joseph's School; St. Athanasius Catholic Church; Yew-Chung International School; Shoreline Community Church; West Valley Dog Training Club; Friends of Deer Hollow Farm; Friends of Stevens Creek Trail; and, Huff School.

Summary of Community Organization questions and responses:

- 1. What would you say the Mountain View community does best for its families, adults, youth, seniors, businesses and visitors?**
 - Provides a safe, healthy and inviting environment to live, work, play and thrive
 - Beautiful parks, open space, bike lanes and paths
 - Great facilities: Deer Hollow Farm, space for classes, events and activities, library, teen center, schools private and public
 - Many excellent community/quality of life programs: adult education, parks, recreation programs, Senior Center, sports programs
 - Collaboration with education and private agencies
 - Funding for programs
- 2. What change or improvement would you identify as the highest priority to meet the current recreation and community service needs for the Mountain View residents?**
 - Additional facilities: playing fields, gymnasium, satellite recreation center, extend Stevens Creek Trail, parking at Mountain View Community Center
 - Address barriers to participation: lower fees, access, restrictions on use
 - Increase emphasis on low-income youth, gang prevention programs, social services
 - Increase sports opportunities for seniors

3. What are the most important issues or challenges facing the Mountain View community in the next 10 years?

- Affordable housing; education of low-income students; child care; access to affordable health care.
- Maintaining a good environment in the face of growing population and traffic.
- Turning today's youth into responsible, healthy and environmentally aware adults. We think Deer Hollow Farm can be a factor with the enthusiastic support of the volunteers. In addition, after-school programs, youth sports.
- Maintain access to parks and open space at a reasonable cost to allow us to continue to hold classes.
- Family issues—divorce, single-parent homes, how to parent, marriage workshops; youth issues—finishing school, drugs, gangs, sex, teen pregnancy.
- Lack of affordable housing; gang-related crime and violence; decreasing rental units due to condominium conversion.
- Appropriate housing, traffic planning, emergency preparedness—and community awareness of same. Open areas for kids to play and relax.
- Field space for youth activities.

4. Describe the characteristics or qualities that you feel are most important to support or strengthen in the future of Mountain View.

- Collaboration; proactive discussion with diverse constituency; early and continuing programming for high-risk students.
- Public spaces and services.
- Youth activities; downtown community events; alternatives to cars (support of bikes, trails, Caltrain, light rail); keeping high-tech companies in tax base.
- Continued open and friendly environment for people and their dogs.
- Support families—educational programs.

- Small-town feel; economically diverse population; safe parks and streets; public services to those in need.
- Serving all of our families—so sense of service to all of Mountain View; expertise in planning sound recreational opportunities, sensible growth; ethics at all times when making decisions that impact the citizenry.

5. Would you like to give any other thoughts or comments that you feel are important to include in the Mountain View Recreation Plan?

- We obviously hope that Deer Hollow Farm remains in your plan. In general, supporting youth (particularly low income) and the environment are important to us. Besides being board members, we are all teaching docents and see firsthand the effects on apartment-dwelling children this exposure to nature.
- I am new to the community and have enjoyed it so far.
- Need more parks in high-density housing areas.
- I think your 10-year plan efforts is great—I have lived here all my life, love Mountain View, would love to help in some way.
- More funding for field improvements.

6. What do you consider the most important benefits a participant should gain when and after participating in recreational activities?

- Physical and mental fitness; social connections; appreciation for teamwork and self-improvement.
- Sense of health and community connection.
- Exercise, getting along or adapting to a different environment (whether it is in a team sport, a swimming pool or a hike), learning.
- Learning; fitness.
- Teamwork; exploring various activities and sports; sportsmanship.
- Sense of community with fellow citizens; increased knowledge and skill level; improved health.

- Sense of team, of belonging; enjoyment of environment; relaxation; family fun.
- Clean, safe and well-maintained facilities.

**7. What do you consider the most important recreation programs to be added?
What do you consider the most important facilities to be added?**

- Programs: outreach; affordability; sports for seniors; gang prevention;
- Facilities: Satellite recreation facilities; playing fields; adequate parking; upgraded lighting open on holidays;
- Open Rengstorff Pool on Memorial Day. Keep open on weekends through September for public use; more gang prevention—working with Police Department.
- More playing fields.
- Baseball fields would be the most needed facilities.